

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 24, 2013
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Hanley presiding and City Clerk Stephanie L. Snyder recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER at 5:45 p.m. for closed session.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: J. M. "Mike" Holmes, William W. Kirby, Kevin Hanley

Council Members Absent: Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Michael Cobden, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Police Chief John Ruffcorn and Lt. Victor Ferraro

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6

MOTION: Holmes/Kirby/Nesbitt approved (Nesbitt and Powers absent)

1. **Conference with Labor Negotiators:**
(G.C. 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Andy Heath

Employee Group: All Units

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hanley announced that the City agreed to a tentative agreement for the four employees of the confidential/ unrepresented unit. He said the agreement will be placed on the City's website tomorrow and back to the Council July 8, 2013 for final action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Certificates of Appreciation for their assistance with the Chinese Delegation visit were presented to Tami Caufield of the Auburn Holiday Inn and Charlotte Langston from the California Welcome Center.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Hanley removed item 1 from the consent calendar.

1. **Minutes**

Removed from the consent calendar.

2. **WWTP Groundwater Monitoring – Professional Service Agreement
BSK Associates**

By **RESOLUTION 13-56**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract with BSK Associates to perform groundwater monitoring at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

3. **Adoption of Interim Budgetary Spending Authority for Fiscal Year
2013-14**

By **RESOLUTION 13-57**, adopt interim spending authority for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for all City funds pending adoption of the final Fiscal Year 2013-14 Operating and Capital Budgets.

4. **Municipal Financing of Police Vehicles**

By **RESOLUTION 13-58**, authorize the acquisition of two Police Interceptors for the Auburn Police Department.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar excluding item #1.

MOTION: Holmes/Kirby/Approved 3:0 (Nesbitt and Powers absent)

4a. **Minutes**

Mayor Hanley requested corrections to the June 10th, 2013 minutes. He corrected the spelling of Janice Forbes name and noted a correction to the vote on item 8 showing a 4:0 vote due to an abstention.

By **MOTION**, approve the City Council minutes of 6/5/2013 and 6/10/2013 as corrected.

MOTION: Holmes/Kirby/Approved 3:0(Nesbitt and Powers absent)

5. **Public Comment**

Jay Sheets, resident of Auburn provided information on RATS (Raptors are the Solution). He spoke of the dangers of D-Con poison products. He said he would like the City Council to send out notices to the businesses that sell these products asking them to take them off the shelf.

Council Member Holmes thanked Mayor Hanley for participating in the welcome to the Lincoln Highway Association as they came through town earlier today.

Council Member Kirby spoke about Joe Carroll's funeral service and of his contributions to this community.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **2013/2014 Sewer Assessment on the Placer County Tax Roll**

Transit Analyst Megan Siren presented this item.

Mayor Hanley asked about the increased rate and the oxidation ditch funding.

Council Member Kirby said this is only the annual practice of placing the already approved increase on the tax roll.

Conduct a public hearing to authorize the 2013/2014 fiscal year sewer service charges placement on the County of Placer Tax Roll.

By **RESOLUTION 13-59**, authorize the levy of sewer service charges for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 to be placed on the County of Placer Tax Roll.

MOTION: Holmes/Kirby/Approved 3:0(Nesbitt and Powers absent)

COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. **Restoration of the Neff Fountain**

Council Member Holmes presented this item. He said he would like to move forward on a project restoring the Neff Fountain located at the Placer County Historic Courthouse. He spoke about the current deterioration of the fountain. He said this is not a funding request, only a

request to move forward with finding other funding options for the restorations. He said the company with the original design for the fountain is located in Alabama. He said the City Historian plans to do further research on this project. He spoke about the original donation of the fountain and possibly transferring the fountain to Placer County in the future.

Council Member Kirby asked about getting work done locally, future plans for use of the fountain, and why the City would transfer this historic piece to the County.

Council Member Kirby said he would like to see the fountain stay property of the City.

Mayor Hanley asked about how the inspection of the deterioration was completed and asked about the future plans for the functionality of the fountain.

Council Member Holmes said he is not requesting approval for dismantling of the fountain at this time. He said he would like to get Council approval on the concept of restoring the fountain.

Sally Dawley, resident of Auburn, asked about existing wiring on the fountain.

Michael Otten, resident of Auburn and President of the Placer County Historical Society, said this fountain is unique and the only one of its type in existence. He said the cast iron fountain is rusting from the inside out. He said restoration efforts need to begin before the fountain deteriorates more. He spoke of grant funding and fundraising.

Council Member Kirby said he agrees the fountain needs to be restored as it's a treasure to the community. He said this fountain was a gift to the City of Auburn by a citizen and a part of Auburn's history, not Placer County's. He said it needs to be placed on City property to regain ownership and control of the fountain. He said he would like a full discussion by all members of the Council on this item.

Mayor Hanley said he would support placing the restoration of this fountain on the Capital Improvement Program, along with the City's other historical assets. He said this could allow of Public Works staff to look into the details of what needs to be done to restore this fountain. He said the function of the fountain has changed over the years.

Council Member Holmes said he supports placing the fountain on the Capital Improvement Program, as it's an important project for the City to

carry out. He said he did not want the volunteers to move forward with research if the Council is not supporting the restoration efforts.

By **MOTION**, place the Neff Fountain on the Capital Improvement Program; direct Volunteer City Staff to begin to do research on the proper way to move forward with the restoration of the Fountain.

MOTION: Holmes/Kirby/Approved 3:0(Nesbitt and Powers absent)

8. **League of California Cities Annual Conference Delegate**

Administrative Services Director Andy Heath presented the item. He said the League of California Cities holds their annual conference. He said this year it is in Sacramento. He said there is \$3,000 in the City Council training budget.

Council Member Holmes said it is important to have representation as a voting delegate at this conference.

Council Member Kirby said he would like to select a voting delegate at a meeting when the entire Council is in attendance.

Council Member Holmes said he plans to attend while it is as the City's voting delegate or not. He said he will volunteer to be the voting delegate.

Mayor Hanley said because the conference is local, he supports sending a voting delegate, alternate and City Manager to this conference.

By **RESOLUTION 13-02**, send a voting delegate, alternate(s) and City Manager (Council Members to be named later) to the 2013 League of California Cities Annual Conference (full conference registration).

MOTION: Kirby/ Holmes/Approved 3:0(Nesbitt and Powers absent)

This item is to come back to Council July 22, 2013 to name voting delegates and two alternates.

REPORTS

9. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Kirby asked SHAAC to look at names for the "Communications" area in front of the Auburn Journal to recognize Janice Forbes and Joe Carroll who recently passed. He reported on Auburn Movie night that will be taking place this Wednesday. He reported on Placer County LAFCO position open on the state wide board (Cal LAFCO). He said he would like support of his application from the Council on the next agenda.

Council Member Holmes reported on the Joint Chamber Government Affairs Meeting held in Rocklin. He spoke about a presentation given by County Assessor Kristin Spears at that meeting. He reported on the Chinese Delegation that recently visited the Auburn area. He also reported on the Placer County Air Pollution Control District budget was approved at \$4.25 million. He said there is \$965,000 in Clear Air Grants available.

Mayor Hanley reported on Sacramento Area of Governments recent actions. He reported that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy sponsored another legislative tour of the American River fuel break.

PUBLIC COMMENT REOPENED

A resident asked for permission to speak on Item 6 (public hearing). The Council reopened public comment so he could speak, but advised him that the hearing had already been concluded.

Daniel Verissimo, resident of Auburn, who has lived here since 1961 and is on a fixed income, is concerned about increasing sewer rates.

Mayor Hanley repeated the Council's prior statements on the rate increase to address the residents' concern.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting, in Joe Carroll's memory, at 7:10 p.m.

Kevin Hanley, Mayor

Stephanie L. Snyder, City Clerk